Iowa Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Commission

ITEM 11 INFORMATION

TOPIC

Proposed Rule – Amendments to Wastewater Rules, including Chapters 60, 62, 63, and 64

The attached summary of changes to Chapter 60 "Scope of Title – Definitions – Forms – Rules of Practice", Chapter 62 "Effluent and Pretreatment Standards: Other Effluent Limits or Prohibitions", Chapter 63 "Monitoring, Analytical, and Reporting Requirements", and Chapter 64 "Wastewater Construction and Operation Permits" is being presented to the Environmental Protection Commission for information. The proposed amendments to these chapters will update the wastewater rules to meet requirements in the Clean Water Act, reflect changes in technology and water quality standards, and include language from the Department's Policy Implementation Guidance (PIG) documents.

The following is a summary of the proposed amendments to the rules:

Chapter 60

- Add definitions and new permit application forms
- Clarify language concerning permit applications

Chapter 62

- Add language prohibiting certain discharges to domestic wastewater treatment facilities
- Clarify the procedure for calculating 30-day average percent removal
- Include language allowing the use of TMDLs to derive permit limits
- Add language from a PIG on effluent reuse

Chapter 63

- Replace the language on bypasses and include language on sanitary sewer overflows
- Update monitoring requirements for all NPDES permits by increasing the base monitoring requirements and adding Total Nitrogen, Total Phosphorus, and Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen monitoring
- Remove the monitoring table for inorganic waste discharges and replace it with a rulereferenced document

Chapter 64

- Add classes of facilities that will be exempted from obtaining operation permits
- Clarify the language regarding the issuance and denial of operation and NPDES permits
- Clarify the public notice requirements for NPDES permits
- Add language on the determination of significant non-compliance

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